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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application for:

Hendel

Serial No. 08/813,647

Filed: 3/7/97

For: METHOD FOR PARALLEL TRUNKING
OF ETHERNET CONNECTIONS TO
INCREASE TRANSFER BANDWIDTH

Examiner: T. Vu

Art Group: 2756

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed February
26, 1999, please amend the above-identified application as
follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add Claims 38-41 as follows:

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- 1 1. (Amended) A method for interconnecting a first device and
- 2 second device in a network, comprising the [step] steps of:
- 3 connecting the first device and the second device to a
- 4 plurality of interfaces; and
- 5 emulating a single high speed interface with the plurality of
- 6 interfaces by assigning to said plurality of interfaces an

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